

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Commonwealth
Conference

THE new Far East crisis created by the Formosa situation inevitably has affected the priority list of subjects on the agenda of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference. The relationship of SEATO to the defence of Southeast Asia would, in the normal course of events, have figured high on the agenda. Nevertheless the immediate preoccupation of the conference with latest Far East developments does not mean that other subjects of less urgency will be ignored.

Whatever questions are dealt with by the Prime Ministers, no hard and fast decisions are likely to be reached. Any such thing would be out of keeping with the motivating forces which bring the Commonwealth political chiefs into regular session. It is the flexible interchange of ideas which remains the essence of these meetings. The dovetailing of policy conceptions is the most important achievement at the disposal of the Premiers.

At the same time it is true to observe that there never has been such a period at which consultation between the governments of the Commonwealth countries has been so close and so continual.

That is a point of no little importance in world affairs. It is a hard indication of the fact that the Commonwealth, despite the looseness, and to many minds, puzzling illogicality of its structure, has a very real existence.

A NOT insignificant feature of these Commonwealth conferences is the gradual change in their design and meaning which has taken place since the original meeting of representatives of colonial governments called in 1887. Ten years later the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and the self-governing colonies for the first time met for confidential talks on a footing of something like equality. Later still came the conception, legalised through the Statute of Westminster, of the Empire becoming a "galaxy of free nations."

To the astonishment at first, and later the admiration of the rest of the free world, that conception proved thoroughly workable and the new association has lasted. It has, in fact, become more and more real.

Herein lies the significance and importance of the Commonwealth and of the Commonwealth Conference. It is a grouping of free nations which is neither racial, nor regional, nor religious. It has its difference and its internal disputes, as is inevitable in any association, whether of individuals or of peoples. Yet, perhaps illogically and irrationally, it has its own unity of ideas and purpose; its own conception of the partnership of "a galaxy of free nations."

The present meeting comes at a difficult, possibly dangerous moment in world affairs. But its potential influence on those affairs is already recognised by the rest of the world. The diplomacy of the British Commonwealth as represented through such diverse personalities as Mr Nehru of India, Mr St Laurent of Canada, Mr Holland of New Zealand, Mr Mohammed Ali of Pakistan, Mr Menzies of Australia and Sir Winston Churchill is needed more today than any previous time.

The peace of Asia may well rest on the deliberations and agreements of the Commonwealth Conference this week.

Important White House Statement Expected

DEFENCE OF MATSU & QUEMOY

Washington, Feb. 1. President Eisenhower may clarify tomorrow United States intentions regarding the use of its armed forces for the defence of the Chinese Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu against Communist attack.

The Administration is reported in well-informed quarters to be considering the need for clarification on this point. The President's weekly press conference tomorrow will give him an opportunity of removing any possible misunderstandings between the United States and its Chinese Nationalist ally about the use of United States air and naval power to aid the Nationalists in the defence of these islands if they are attacked by the Chinese Communists as a preliminary to any attack upon Formosa itself.

For the last three days, there have been persistent reports from Taipei that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was postponing orders for the evacuation of the Tachen islands pending a clarification of United States intentions regarding the defence of Quemoy and Matsu.

The continuing effort of the United Nations Security Council to bring about speedy ceasefire in the Formosan area could in itself provide a sufficient reason for holding up the Tachen evacuation which President Eisenhower last week was authorised by Congress to protect.

CLARIFYING STATUS But there have been indications that the Nationalist Chinese would like a clarification of the status of Quemoy and Matsu and that the Administration is considering how such a clarification could be made without either giving information of military value to the Communists or committing the United States irrevocably to defend any particular island.

It is known that the early drafts of the President's message to Congress were more specific than the last regarding the potentialities of defending Quemoy and Matsu. One of these was shown to certain members of Congress on January 22 and may also have been shown to the Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr George Yeh, who is currently in Washington.

The President's message was, however, altered to make it less specific on this point shortly before he sent it to Congress on January 23 and this may lead to misunderstandings by the Chinese Nationalists.

On January 24, high Administration sources stated that it had at one time been planned to draw a line and issue a public statement to accompany the message but that this proposal had been dropped. These sources emphasised the insuperable geographical difficulties of drawing a line, the danger of giving notice to the Communists of what islands they could possibly pick up on their side of the line without raising a fight, and the desire not to turn the offshore islands into little "Dien Bien Phu's" which the United States would be committed to defend irrespective of any future situation which might develop.



Arriving for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London last week was the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr S. G. Holland (pictured above with the New Zealand High Commissioner in London, Mr Clifton Webb left and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Lord Swinton). In the picture below, Lord Swinton (with his back to the camera) is seen greeting the Ceylon Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala at London airport last week.—Central Press photographs.

Grimwood's Eloquence Impresses Critics

Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 1. Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London, answered questions about Hongkong industry fired at him today by 30 British industrialists, including some whose trade has been hard hit by competition from Hongkong goods.

And afterwards the National Union of Manufacturers who had convened the special meeting congratulated Grimwood on the eloquence of his representative.

the Imperial Preference regulations made it impossible for Hongkong traders to export Japanese goods from the Colony under the guise of Empire products.

While sympathising with British manufacturers who were hit in their home market by competition from Hongkong goods, he emphasised the problems involved were by no means all on one side.

Hongkong had lost a third of its foreign trade as a result of its faithful adherence to the United Nations' strategic embargo on export to China, and this loss must be made up if the Colony was to support its huge population.

Youths Break Into Family Vault

Durham, Feb. 1. Two youths broke into the family vault of Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, opened an old coffin and fled in terror at the sight of a boy corpse, a Durham Court was told today.

The prosecution said that two young miners, Herbert Stephenson, 18, and Albert Mandley, 21, committed the offence at Wingstone Hall, near Durham, "to have a look, as they called it."

The lead coffin they forced open was that of a boy who died in 1856, the nine-year-old son of the late Sir William Eden.

"To their horror, this small, almost perfectly preserved body emerged," counsel said. They fled at once.

Stephenson was so upset that his parents made him surrender to the police. Mandley was said to have declared after his arrest: "I was so shocked I thought I had been stabbed with a knife. The shock nearly killed me. I will never forget it as long as I live."

He had since written to the Eden family, apologising for his act.

The last known case of the kind in Britain, the unlawful removal of a corpse from a grave in a consecrated mausoleum, was said to have occurred in 1788.

The judge sent Mandley, the ringleader, to prison "for this revolting and disgusting thing" until he decided what to do with him. Stephenson was placed on probation for three years.—China Mail Special.

Lay Claim To Fortune

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 1. A working class family living in a tumbledown house in a Rio suburb, today laid claim to the fortune of Serge Rubinstein, millionaire financier, found skulking in his New York flat on January 27.

Australia All Out For 111: Test Debacle At Adelaide

Adelaide, Feb. 2.

After a sensational collapse this morning, Australia were all out in the second innings for 111 soon after lunch on the fifth day of the Fourth Test at the Adelaide oval. This left England to get 94 runs to win in a day and half left for play.

The Australian debacle began in the first over of the day when MacDonald went with the third ball. In the next forty minutes, Australia lost four more wickets for the loss of only 14 runs on a pitch which commentators said "did not help the bowlers one little bit."

Australia resumed after lunch with the score at nine wickets for 103.

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SENATE RATIFIES TREATY

Washington, Feb. 1. The United States Senate today ratified the new eight-nation Southeast Asian Defence Treaty to block Communist armed aggression and subversion in that part of the world.

In an unusual burst of speed, the Senate gave its overwhelming support to the treaty after only 100 minutes of debate and with only a lone isolationist voice raised against it.

The vote for ratification was 82 to one. The single dissenter was Senator William Langer (Republican-Dakota).

During the debate, Senator Langer declared that the United States should mind its own business and keep out of foreign entanglements.

The Republican and Democratic leadership joined in throwing their support behind the treaty.—Reuter.

Plane Disaster

Nagpur, India, Feb. 2. An India Airlines Dakota crashed in flames early today near Nagpur airport, killing all ten occupants.

The crash occurred shortly after the plane had taken off for Delhi.—Reuter.

Tornado Kills 19

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 1. Nineteen persons were killed today by a tornado, which suddenly struck the States of Mississippi and Arkansas, it was reported.—France-Press.

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DE CAULLISTS RESTIVE

Paris, Feb. 1.

The French National Assembly handed Premier Pierre Mendes-France his second technical defeat in two days tonight on the eve of a show-down debate beginning on Wednesday that will decide whether he remains Prime Minister.

The Assembly put aside consideration of a minor part of the budget on pay raises for minor Government employees by 580 votes to 34.

It was not important in itself but it demonstrated the dangerous and uncertain atmosphere on the eve of the big debate in which many of "Mr. France's" enemies are trying to unseat him.

BUDGET OVERDUE

Last night the Premier's enemies jolted his Government with a more important technical defeat by refusing by 325 votes to 286 to vote temporary credits to pay the bills for February while it carried on the debate of a 1955 budget already a month overdue.

Many of those who voted against the Government tonight, however, will vote for it in the expected confidence vote in the early hours of Saturday morning.

But M. Mendes-France's enemies have launched a major offensive and the predictions on whether he will survive became more and more dangerous.

The leader of the Socialists, M. Guy Mollet, promised to sit solidly behind him in a talk this afternoon but the de Gaulle's followers of General Charles de Gaulle were expressing signs of restiveness at the negotiations on home rule for Tunisia.

They scheduled a meeting with M. Mendes-France tomorrow morning.

Two factors may save the Government.

1. Most of the Government's opponents, especially the Popular Republicans, want M. Mendes-France to stay in office until the Paris treaties are fully ratified so that he can be saddled at the 1956 elections with personal responsibility for "arming the Germans."

2. The Popular Republicans fear that if they overthrow the Government on the eve of the signature of a Franco-Tunisian treaty, they will be on record as repudiating the Tunisian negotiations, which they in fact approve. — United Press & Reuter.



Princess Diana de Polignac is escorted by her father Prince Guy de Polignac, who wears the insignia of the Knights of Malta Order, into the church of Notre Dame de Grace in Paris for her wedding to Count Roland de Chambray. — Express Photo.

50-50 CHANCE
OF SAVING
S. VIETNAM

Washington, Feb. 1.

General J. Lawton Collins said today "we have at least a 50-50 chance" of saving South Vietnam from the Communists if programmes now being launched there "become actually effective."

"I don't want to appear optimistic" because the outcome depends on social, economic and political programmes being launched by the Vietnam Government, he added.

General Collins, special U.S. representative to Vietnam, talked with newsmen after giving the House Foreign Affairs Committee a secret briefing.

MORE ENCOURAGED

The Committee chairman, Mr. James Richards, said he was "more encouraged about the situation than before."

If the French Government and the Vietnamese Government "work together," General Collins said, "there is a reasonable chance of saving Vietnam."

General Collins said Vietnam would need continued economic and military support from the United States. Mr. Richards said the briefing did not go into details on the amount of new aid Congress would be asked to provide.

General Collins, who is leaving within a few days to return to Vietnam, declined to say publicly how big a South Vietnamese Army the United States had agreed to equip, train and support. Informed sources earlier had put the figure at 150,000 men.

Mr. Wolf Ladejinsky, agrarian expert, formerly stationed in Tokyo, has been sent to the area by the Foreign Operations Administration and is due in Saigon this week. He is expected to guide a vast land reform programme which may become a key factor for Vietnam. — United Press & Reuter.

Aga Khan To
Be Weighed
Against
Platinum

Cairo, Feb. 1.

The Aga Khan, leader of the Ismaili Moslems, will be weighed against platinum here at a ceremony on February 20.

The Aga Khan has not been able this year for health reasons to travel to Uganda and Kenya in East Africa to receive the homage of the faithful.

Delegations of his subjects in these areas have, therefore, made arrangements to travel to the Egyptian capital. — France-Press.

America Must
Maintain
Conscription
— Military Leaders

Washington, Feb. 1.
Military leaders asked today for a four-year extension of the conscription law which expires on June 30 calling it essential for the United States defence programme.

Hearings began before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

Only the Army is now drafting men but the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson, told the Committee that failure to extend the law for a full four years might produce "an important effect upon the numbers of men willing to volunteer in the Air Force, the Navy or the Marine Corps."

The Assistant Secretary for Defence, Mr. Carter Burgess, said: "We believe the Armed Forces cannot maintain a strength in excess of about 1,500,000 by sole dependence on voluntary enlistments."

The Administration is planning a "long haul" military force of about 2,850,000. — Reuter.

Situation
Improves
In Malaya

London, Feb. 1.
Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Under-Secretary for War, said today the military position in Malaya had steadily improved.

This, he told the House of Commons, was shown by a drop in the monthly number of Communist terrorist incidents from 500 in 1951 to under 90 in 1954.

Mr. Maclean, who was replying to a request for information about the latest military position, added:

"No particular comment is, I think, called for at the moment, but the Secretary for War will, of course, be reviewing the situation in this memorandum on Army Estimates for 1955/56." — Reuter.

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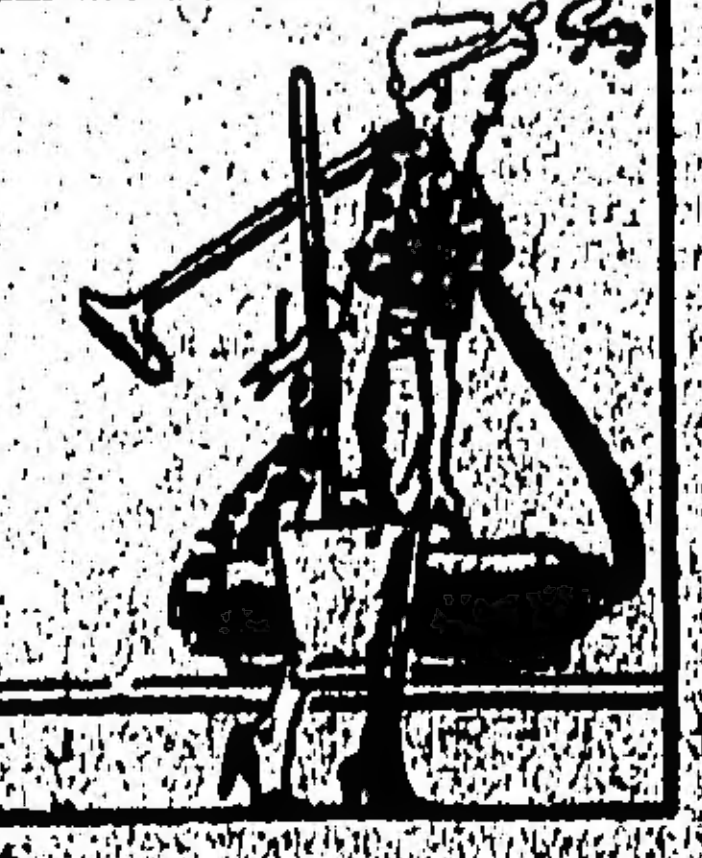
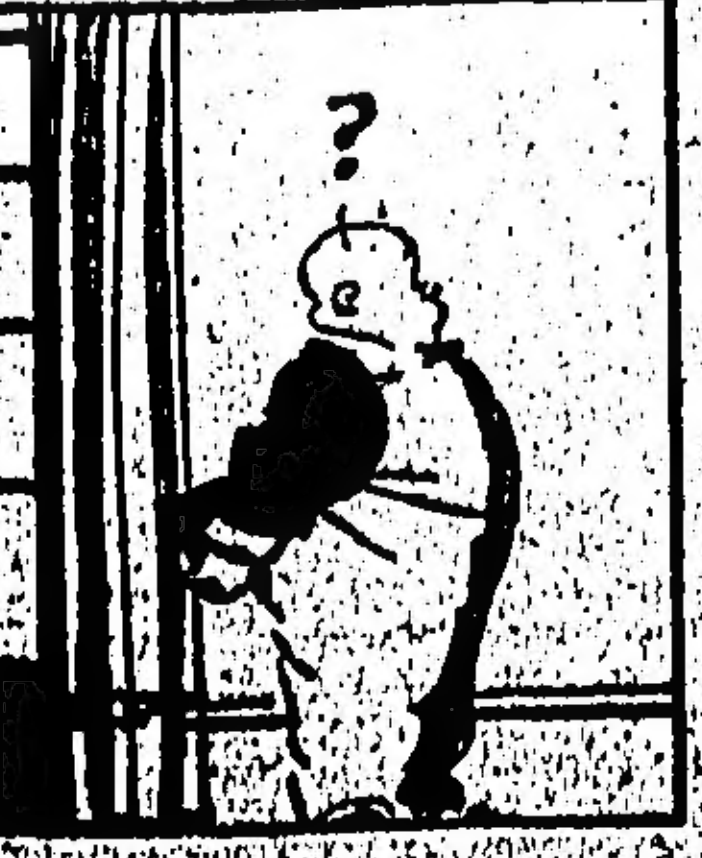
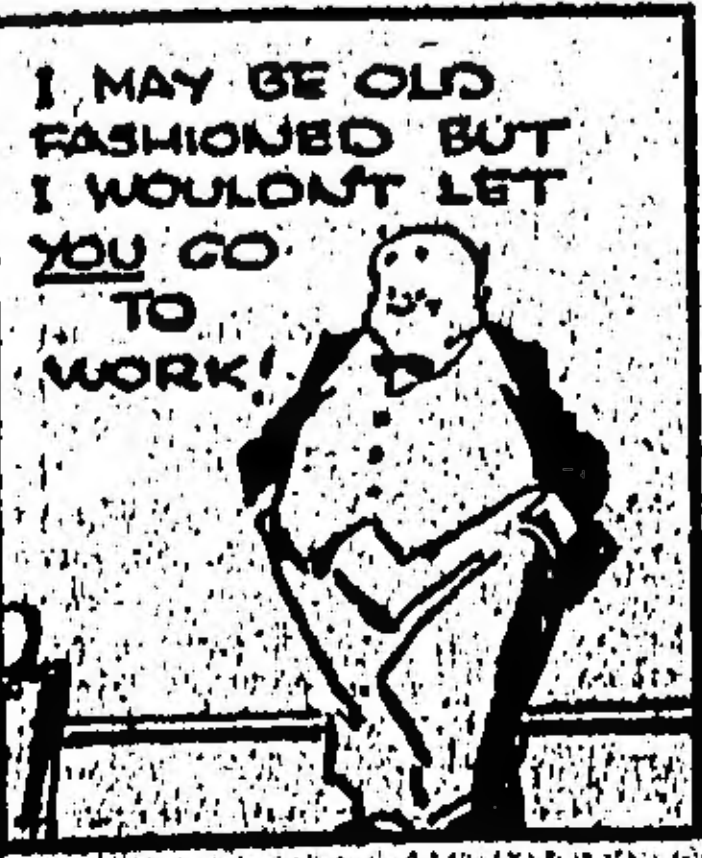
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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AFTER reading the work of the animal reporters Albert said he would also like to have a shot at interviews. Can you think of anybody in the news you would like to interview, Albert?

Well, there's nine-year-old Margaret Millington, who likes a glass of beer after she has been out with the Brownies.

You'd have to be careful about that, Albert. There might be protests from the temperance organisations.

But she's very healthy on it. At a meeting of the Food Education Society her mother said she had never been ill in her life.

That would only make the temperance people angrier.

And a doctor at this meeting said that if all children were brought up on bread and cheese and beer they would live to a healthy old age.

What would you ask him, Margaret?

I would ask him if there was a Brownie drinking mug and if they sang it at regimental dinners.

Those would be silly questions to ask a child, Albert.

No, they wouldn't. If they didn't have a drinking mug I'd write one for them. That would be rather original, wouldn't it?

It would be something new in interviews.

I mean something like this: Brownies, Brownies out of school, Bottoms up in cellar cool, Brownies, Brownies off parade, Brownies don't drink lemonade.

The temperance people will be mad with rage, Albert. Brownies happy, Brownies jolly, We are never melan-choly, Brownies rosy, Brownies pale, Down with, down with nut brown ale.

The temperance people are writing letters already, Albert. I can hear the scratching of their furious pens.

Brownies dark and Brownies fair, Away, away, away with care, We have missed the hockey match, Brownies, Brownies, down the hatch.

You'll be sorry when you get your post bag, Albert.

We don't care for Brownie craft, We don't care, we think it's daft.

Brownies, pass the cup, that cheers, No more lessons, no more tears,

No more silly country walks, No more silly nature talks, Our silly leader's up the pole, Landlord, fill the flowing bowl.

Brownies, Brownies, pass the cup, Brownies, Brownies, bottoms up.

This will be enough for today, Albert.

Hammer & Tongs

SUE said to her husband: "If you invite a man I hate to dinner I shall invite a woman you hate."

He said: "I hate all your friends."

She said: "I hate all yours."

He said: "My friend is a director of a company that happens to pay my salary."

She said: "My friend happens to be the director of all social activities in our neighbourhood."

He said: "Your friend is a snob."

She said: "Your friend is common."

He said: "Your friend is social poison."

She said: "Yours is social death."

He said: "My friend doesn't want to hear about your friend's dirt and what she weighed the last time she went to the chemist's."

She said: "My friend doesn't want to hear about your friend's early struggles and how he lived on cocoa and bread and margarine."

He said: "You should worry considering your father lived on cocoa and bread and margarine."

She said: "My father never lived on cocoa and bread and margarine."

He said: "Isn't that what they have for breakfast in prison?"

She said: "My father never went to prison."

He said: "He was lucky."

She said: "Your father was a bum who lived on his relations."

He said: "As your mother lives on me that makes her a bum too."

She said: "You offered to make my mother an allowance."

He said: "That was to keep her long nose out of my home and business."

She said: "My mother hasn't got a long nose."

He said: "When I first saw her I thought she was an anti-cater."

She said: "Then why did you marry the daughter of an anti-cater?"

He said: "I wanted to do something different."

She said: "Stop insulting my relations."

He said: "Stop insulting my friend."

She said: "I hate your friend."

He said: "It's no use hating a man who pays your house-keeping allowance, bought the house, bought the car AND your fur coat."

She said: "Don't you do anything to earn the money?"

He said: "And keeps your mother."

She said: "From now on my mother will live on her old-age pension."

He said: "Fine. I hear the pigs are overeating themselves."

She said: "And I'll go and join her."

He said: "What are you waiting for?"

She said: "I'll pack my bags now."

He said: "I'll help you."

She said: "If I go I'll never come back."

He said: "Good."

Poddon, So Sorry

THE story of Herr Zeiner, a German football fan who bowed to English spectators around him, said, "Poddon, so sorry," and offered them liver sausage sandwiches when the German captain Pospisil laid Finney low in a tackle at Wembley, has made me wonder what will happen when Germans take up cricket.

Until I read about Herr Zeiner I always thought that German fieldmen would crack opposing batsmen over the head with the stumps or bowl hand grenades if they couldn't get them out any other way.

Now I know that the first Anglo-German Test Match at Lord's is going to be entirely different.

We will assume that the English team are batting and the first ball is a snorter from the German fast bowler. The English batsman plays forward,

misses, and the ball thumps him in the stomach.

He doubles up and rolls on the ground, and instead of the Germans yelling "Howzat!" hoping the umpire will think he was hit on the leg, there will be a universal cry of "Poddon, so sorry."

All the German spectators will turn to the furious red-faced old gentlemen at Lord's and say, "Poddon, so sorry." They will then offer the furious old gentlemen enormous liver sausage sandwiches, which will make them even more furious.

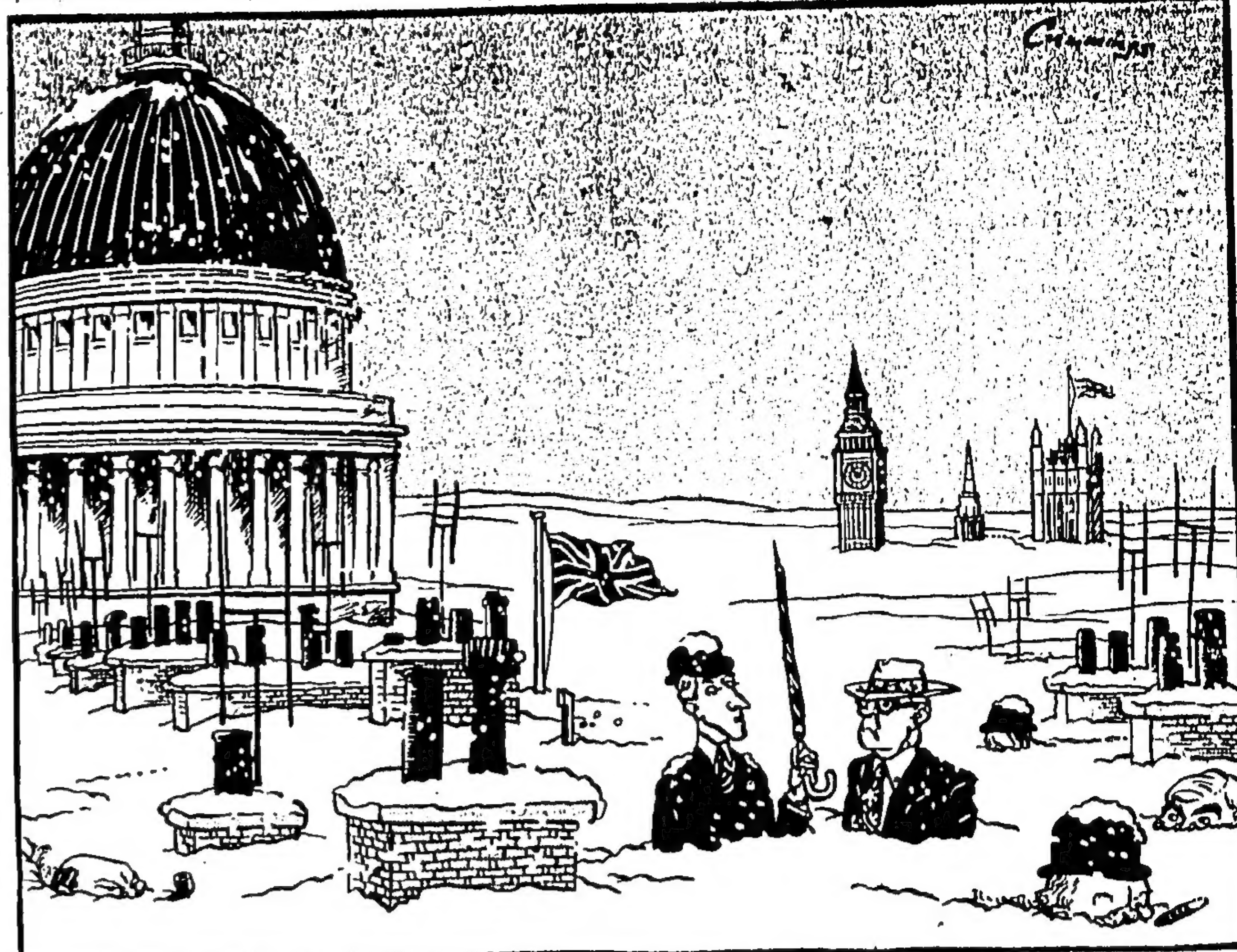
The German fast bowler will shake the stricken batsman by the hand and say, "Poddon, so sorry." Then the wicket-keeper will do the same. The close-in fielders will line up and say, "Poddon, so sorry," and even those in the outfield will run up to offer their apologies.

After that the German captain will send for liver sausage sandwiches to console the English casualty, and he, already feeling sick from his injury, will wish he had never been born.

Indeed, I predict that if it becomes a German cricket custom to win every match by at least 111 runs.

If English batsmen think that when they are hit in the stomach they are going to be forcibly fed with liver sausage sandwiches they will be even more nervous and unpredictable than they are now.

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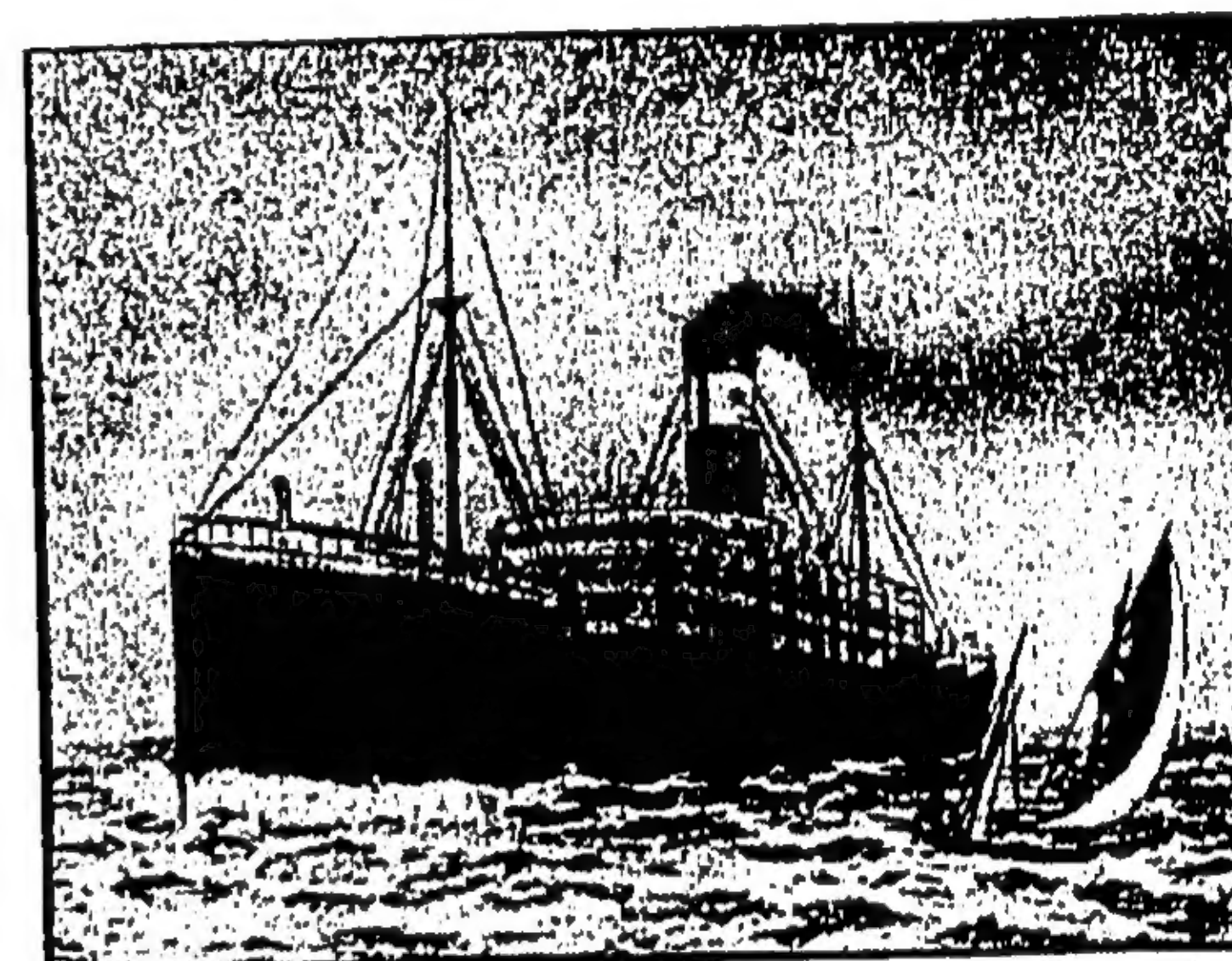
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The Waratah—a distinctive ship.

LONDON waited anxiously in 1909 for news of the 9,000-ton liner

Waratah. But none came; none has ever come. To this day no one knows for certain the time, the place or the reason for her disappearance.

That in itself is strange enough. But stranger still is the fact that a man dreamed she had capsized in a storm before it was known that anything had happened to her.

Theories have been in dozens to explain what tragedy befell this practically new ship after she sailed from Durban in South Africa at 8 p.m. on July 26, 1909. But only one thing is really certain—she never arrived at her destination, Capetown.

From brief reports, however, it is possible to trace her course for some way after she left Durban. On the morning of July 27, for instance, she overtook another British steamer, the Clan MacIntyre, and the vessels exchanged weather information in Morse signals. As the Waratah pulled ahead the other ship flashed: "Thanks, good-bye; a pleasant passage."

And as the Waratah was seen to disappear over the horizon normally.

Later the same day the Clan MacIntyre encountered a strong gale and high sea, followed by a hurricane which abated on July 29.

The officers of the Clan MacIntyre were the last people to see the Waratah, although the Union-Castle steamer Guelph reported that at 9.51 p.m. on July 27, about 80 miles from Durban, she saw an unidentified passenger ship about five miles away signalling in Morse.

The officer of the watch could not make out the first signal that came, but clearly read the letters "TAH." The steamer—if it was the Waratah—was then on course for Capetown and was showing no distress signals.

GRUESOME

THEN, on August 10, the steamship Totientham passed a number of pieces of flesh. On one larger piece there was an albatross.

The captain took the ship close, looked through his glass, and saw what appeared to be a human torso. Throughout the day the ship passed other similar floats, but could make nothing of it as the place was infested with sharks.

But there was nothing—as yet—to connect these gruesome items with the Waratah.

Two years later, in 1911, one of the liner's lifeboats was found—on the New Zealand

coast, thousands of miles from the area in which she was thought to have foundered. This gave rise to further speculation.

During the years, various pieces of wreckage have been washed up on the rocky South African coast. But none of it has ever been positively identified. Nor has any of the uncharted wrecks spotted from the air been proved to be the Waratah.

And no bodies were ever recovered.

Star witness at a 15-day Board of Trade inquiry in London was Mr. Claude G. Sawyer, a company director, who but for a pronouncement of danger might have been the 212th name on the casualty list.

In his evidence, he said there was "something unusual" about the Waratah during the voyage across the Indian Ocean from Australia.

Soon after embarking from Sydney he noticed she had a big list to port. After they left Adelaide she rolled and wobbled in an "alarming manner," and remained a long time on each side before recovering.

In the early morning before arrival at Durban he had a weird dream. He saw a man "in a very peculiar dress" with a long sword in his right hand, which he appeared to be holding between Mr. Sawyer and other passengers. In his left hand he held a rag covered with blood.

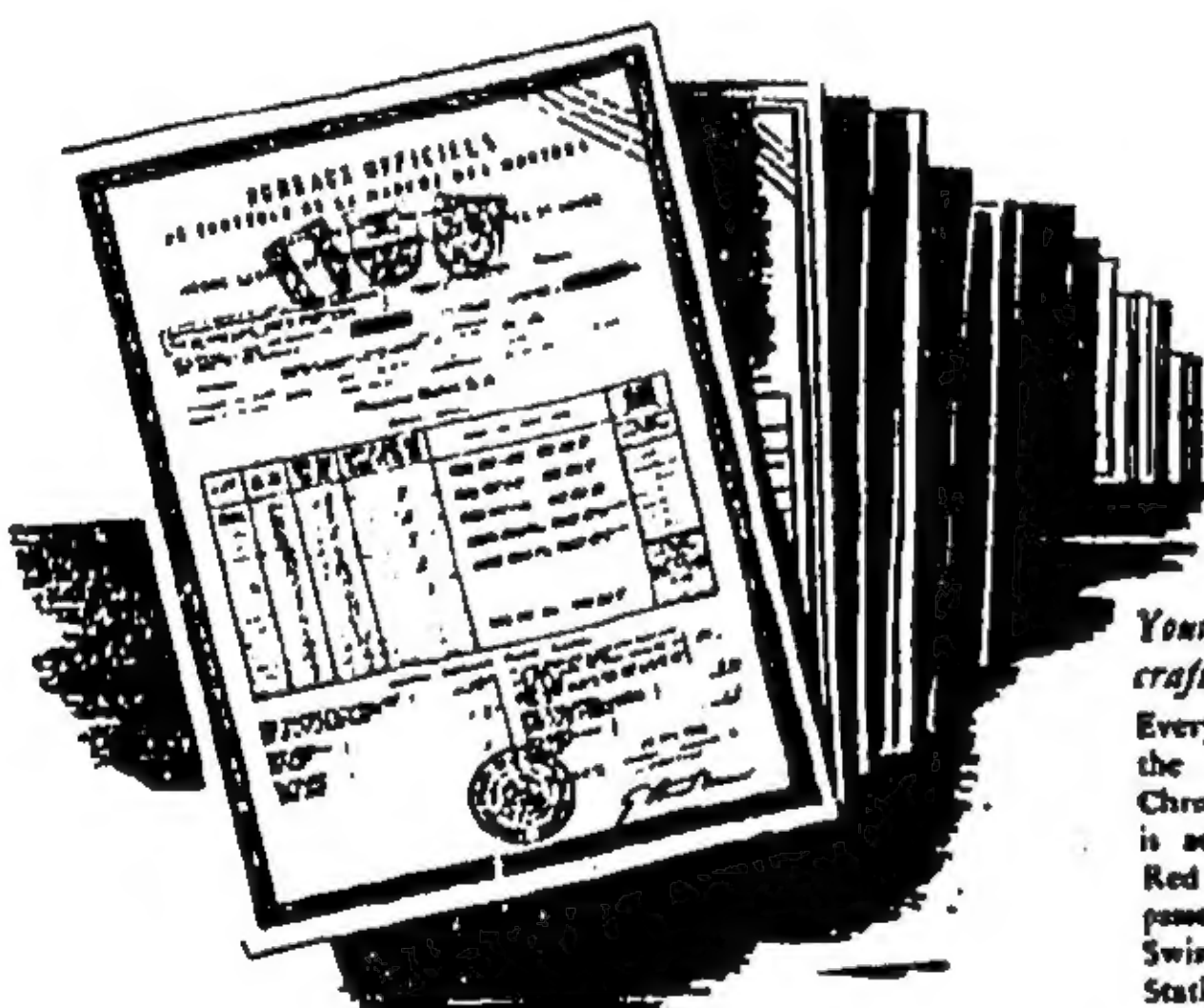
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INQUIRY

HE seemed to see the Waratah as a distinctive ship with one funnel and a high superstructure—ploughing her way through heavy seas. As he watched a great wave swept over her bows and, rolling on to her starboard side, she disappeared.

From the scanty evidence available that is most probably

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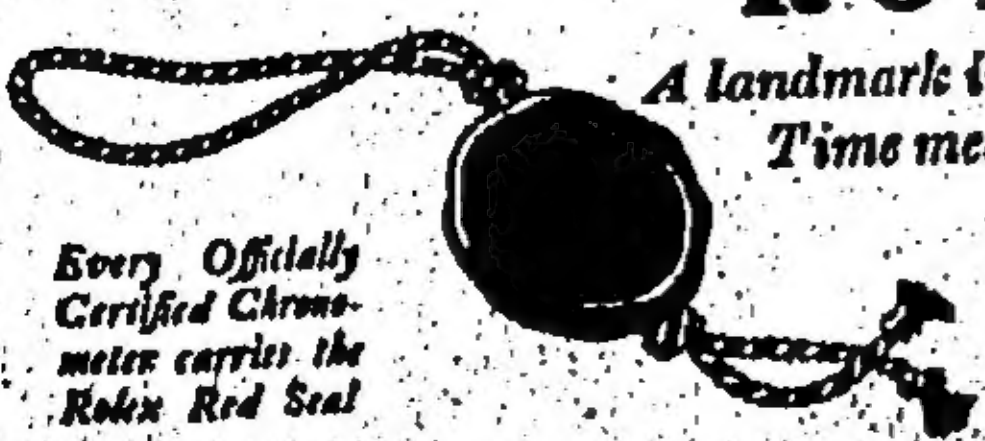


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DID EISENHOWER BLUNDER OVER FORMOSA DEFENCE?

By HUGH DUNDAS

DID President Eisenhower blunder by failing to draw out a precise defence line in his message to Congress asking for approval of his new plan to prevent a Communist advance against Formosa?

Should he have made clear to Peking what he certainly has not made clear to Washington—whether the U.S. forces would definitely go into action to save the two major Nationalist outposts of Quemoy and Matsu as well as certain other minor outposts?

These are the questions being asked by politicians and political commentators today. And opinions are evenly divided.

Some say that by deliberately leaving the question in the air Eisenhower may have opened his own primary object, which was to deter the Communists from making a rash move, by telling exactly what they must not do if they want to avoid

Others—and the most fervent Chiang supporters such as Senator William Knowland—are in this camp—are delighted that the outposts should not be altogether abandoned.

Although Eisenhower has caused bewilderment by his deliberate vagueness over the islands and by his insistence that even Communist concentrations in mainland ports could come under U.S. attack, the government's intention is actually well defined.

EXPENDABLE

Here is the situation working from north to south. Eisenhower considers the Tachen Islands, 200 miles north of Formosa, useful outposts but expendable. He said so publicly. He was prepared to take the decision to drop the U.S. warships under cover of the Nationalist troops which hold the islands. But he is not prepared to use U.S. forces for the purpose of holding them.

Down the Chinese coast 175 miles you get to three more Nationalist outposts—Yinsan, Matsu and Palchuan.

Down again 130 miles you find the twin islands of Quemoy. Both these last two groups fall within the definition of what the President in his message called "related localities." They are not part of the territory which the United States holds inviolate. But if the Communists attack them with the obvious intention of using them as stepping stones on the way to the Pescadores and Formosa, then Eisenhower and Formosa, then Eisenhower will consider himself free to act. It is acknowledged that in this phase of Eisenhower's policy lies the greatest danger of war. It is a great, big, calculated risk.

In taking the risk Eisenhower was influenced by his old training as a soldier and by his new training as a politician.

He did not want to tell a potential enemy they could walk unopposed into strategically desirable positions. And he did

not want to alienate political forces which demand that every square inch held by the Nationalists should be defended.

As for the implication—authoritatively confirmed by high government sources—that even mainland ports might be attacked if they were being used for the concentration of Communist forces obviously aimed at Formosa, that is a threat intended as a deterrent.

ATOM WEAPONS

There is no doubt at all that the U.S. sea-air forces in the area would pulverise any invasion fleet the Communists like to muster. Admiral Price could even bring atom weapons to bear. He has a stock of them, and Secretary of State Dulles has announced—on December 20 last year—that tactical atomic weapons are now regarded as "conventional weapons" which may be used at the discretion of a local commander.

Now let's go to China. There is just a 100-mile strip of disputed ground. And if he does, dare Eisenhower leave him there?

MYSTERY

THE answer to that question was, perhaps, supplied last year when Frank Price, 71-year-old retired seaman, adventurer and diamond prospector, claimed that it was a man called Jan Pretorius who saw the ship sink.

Mr. Price, who lives in an isolated cottage near the Lincolnshire village of Pantem, says that Pretorius was illegally prospecting for diamonds. Capture meant life imprisonment; that is why he did not come forward.

"There was a terrific hurricane blowing," Mr. Price explains, "and Jan took shelter. He looked out to sea and suddenly saw a big ship with one blue funnel wallowing inshore like a pig."

"He saw no sign of life, and then suddenly the ship heeled over and disappeared."

This account is remarkably like Mr. Sawyer's dream; but, unfortunately, it will never be checked. Pretorius is dead; Mr. Price says he was sworn to secrecy during his lifetime.

Perhaps, one day, underwater television such as was used to locate the submarine *Admiral* will solve this 45-year-old mystery of the sea. Until then the world is left to wonder.

DAY FOR THE UNDERDOG AT BADMINTON EXHIBITION MATCHES

It was a day for the underdog at the Hongkong Badminton Association exhibition at the Craigengower Cricket Club last night. The Thomas Cuppers beat the Rest with a 6-3 score but it was the Rest, by their courage and the gallantry of their fighting rally, who carried the main honours of an unforgettable match before a sell-out crowd of over 300 spectators.

On the form book there was little to give the Rest and their supporters hope. They were down 0-3 in less than an hour's play. Yet, Peewee Yap, M. A. Ebrahim, S. K. Wong, W. F. Woo and V. K. Choong found enough reserves of strength to bring themselves together to tie the score at three games each.

Whatever hopes the Rest had of taking the lead at this stage were promptly squashed as Bill Funk in the seventh game of the night in a match which was no full of hard hitting that it looked more like a doubles than a singles game, Bill Funk was smothered by his opponent, Low Weng-djin.

Bill Funk had more horsepower in his legs and hitting power in the arm than Low in a little over 15 minutes the match was over at 15-10, giving the Thomas Cuppers a 4-3 lead over the Rest and requiring another win to clinch the issue.

The Thomas Cuppers collected their fifth and deciding point when Patrick Wong and Robert Tay beat Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim in their fifth game to the Rest's three with a game in hand.

The result of the match between Ramon Young and Jimmy Koo was immaterial. The Cuppers had won and it was all that mattered. The margin of victory for the Thomas Cuppers over the Rest last night was wide—six matches to three. But the Rest went down fighting to the very last set and even after the deciding match had been played.

The Thomas Cuppers won on the strength of a team which was better than to man and which was evenly balanced. The Rest had one strong singles player in S. K. Wong, an extremely good doubles pair in Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim and a passable first singles in Low Weng-djin. Otherwise they were not a match for the Cuppers.

A TONIC

The Rest played like men inspired although they had a 3-0 deficit staring at them. Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim's victory over Dr. K. S. Low and Ramon Young in the fourth game of the exhibition was a tonic to the team.

Fittingly, it was M. A. Ebrahim who sparked the back-to-the-wall challenge. He struck the keynote of attack and it was one which was taken up by his teammates in the following



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matches in every set and every match. There can be no excuses for the defeat of the Colony's Thomas Cup doubles combination of Dr. K. S. Low and Ramon Young by the Rest's Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim (14-21) and again by W. F. Woo and V. K. Choong (12-21).

There are many who contend that the Thomas Cup second doubles pair were beaten because they adopted the wrong tactics. It is argued that if Dr. K. S. Low and Ramon Young had played a more aggressive game they would have or might have won. My belief is that the Rest pairs had the best of the match simply because they were in better pairs.

The surprise of the night was the defeat of the Thomas Cup third singles player, Junior Pomeroy by S. K. Wong with a 15-10 score. After the match, Pomeroy sat by himself, head bowed, a lonely disconsolate figure. Past him milled the chattering crowds who had come to Craigengower Cricket Club expecting the Thomas Cuppers to win all the nine games of the exhibition.

They left talking not of the Cuppers' 6-3 win, not of S. K. Wong's conquest of Junior Pomeroy, but of the sorry details of Dr. K. S. Low and Ramon Young.

FIGHTING SPIRIT

It was the Rest's great fighting spirit which drew rounds of admiring applause from the crowd again and again last night.

There was a little drama in last night's exhibition. Dr. K. S. Low's spectacular broke during play when the shuttle seemed a direct hit. Dr. Low continued playing with a pair of spectacles borrowed off a woman spectator.

In the curtain raiser, Ramon Young's victory over Low Weng-djin set the stage for the kill as if he was bent to prove to the Thomas Cup Selection Committee that they had not made a mistake in putting him in as first singles.

Low, his opponent, clearly was not in the Champion's class. He knew it, Low knew it, and the crowd knew it. Every one sat back expecting the match to finish in less than 10 minutes. But Low Weng-djin willed otherwise.

Ramon Young was, of course, master of the match throughout. He played as he pleased and Low seldom knew exactly where the shuttle was going to be. But Low never gave up his hopeless fight and used his smashing opportunities so well that he managed to take ten points off Ramon in the one-set match.

After this brief encounter, Bill Funk took to the court in the second singles of the exhibition with Jimmy Koo in the opposite court.

MORE ACCURATE

In the early stages Jimmy Koo shaped like the winner. He was much more accurate in his baseline lobbing drop shots and smashes—he crept up to 3-4 after trailing 0-4—but as the game progressed Koo's accuracy faded him miserably to allow Bill Funk to lead 10-3, 14-4 and 14-5 and take set at 15-10 in 18 minutes.

All in all, the exhibition was a hundred per cent success and the spectators who turned up at the Craigengower Cricket Club had their money's worth. The Hongkong Badminton Association have arranged for a similar exhibition on February 4 at the St. Theresa's Parish Hall, starting at 8 p.m.

The exhibitions are being staged to raise funds for sending a Thomas Cup team to India in March.

The results of the exhibition games last night (Thomas Cuppers named first):

Singles: Ramon Young beat Low Weng-djin 15-10, beat Jimmy Koo 15-6; Bill Funk beat Jimmy Koo 15-10; Junior Pomeroy lost to S. K. Wong 10-15.

Doubles: Patrick Wong and Robert Tay beat W. F. Woo and K. C. Wong 21-18, beat Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim 21-14; Dr. K. S. Low and Ramon Young lost to Peewee Yap and M. A. Ebrahim 14-21, lost to W. F. Woo and V. K. Choong 12-21.

Women's Doubles: Miss Helen Kwong and Miss Mary Wong beat Miss Elvira Tsek and Miss Stella Correa 21-8.

Lahore Test Ends In A Tame Draw

Lahore, Pakistan, Feb. 1.

The Third Test Match between India and Pakistan ended here in a tame draw today.

The two previous Tests were also undecided. And the Fourth takes place at Peshawar, starting on February 12.

Final scores in the Third Test were: Pakistan 328 and 136 for five declared; India 251 and 74 for two.

The Pakistan opening pair, Alimuddin and Shujauddin, who were fine for no wicket overnight, scored so slowly today that their captain, A. H. Kardar, was forced to make a late declaration at tea at 138 for five, leaving India the impossible task of getting 214 to win in 90 minutes.

Kardar did not even make an effort to get India out a second time, taking his second line of attack to give the Indians some batting practice.

The Indian batsmen produced some brilliant stroke play in their second innings, and after Punjab had fallen to Kardar for one, Roy and Gadkari scored freely all round the wicket to get 40 runs in 30 minutes. But in spite of damp conditions as a result of overnight rain, the Indian spinners this morning got no assistance and most of the Pakistan batsmen mastered the bowling for creditable totals.

Mankad, who took three for 33, and Gupta (two for 34) shared the Pakistan second innings wickets.—Router.

NOTORIOUS

The Third Test—the first of the series to be played on turf—was considered a crucial match because of the notorious wicket here which has always taken spin.

Then Roy picked Kardar behind the wicket, and Mankad and Gadkari were still together at the close, when India were 74 for two.

Perez Denies Agreeing To Return Fight

Buenos Aires, Feb. 1.

Reports from Tokyo that Pascual Perez, the World Flyweight Champion, had agreed to a return fight with Yoshio Shirai (Japan), the man beaten by Perez for the title, were denied here today.

A joint declaration issued by Perez and his manager, Lazaro Kool, charged that Shirai's promoter broke the contract in the first place when he paid Perez only half the agreed 2,000-dollar purse.

Perez was penalised a thousand dollars on the ground that an ear injury he suffered during training, and which caused a postponement from the original date, was due to negligence, according to the promoter.

The declaration also quoted the resolution passed at a meeting of the International Championship Commission, in London, to invalidate all agreements which included a return fight clause, signed before title fights.

Ismael Pacer, who looks after the interests of the Champion, has decided that Perez's next fight will take place shortly against Alberto Baréngoli (Argentina) who last year lost to Shirai here.—Router.

HOSPITALS CUP

London, Feb. 1. King's College Hospital drew with St. Bartholomew's three points each, in their first round Hospitals Cup match here. The replay on February 3, China Mail Special.



Finding Your Opponent's Weakness—Encounters With Left-Backs

By TOM FINNEY

The first thing I always want to know about an opposing team is the name of the left-back. He is the man who, more than any other, can ruin my afternoon for me.

Many of the left-backs I meet now, of course, are old friends as well as old opponents. They know my weaknesses and I know theirs. If I am playing against a left-back for the first time I like very soon to meet him square-on with the ball and to find out which is his weaker side—left or right.

Naturally, I shall be less likely to go shooting down the touchline against a left-back who is extremely strong with his left foot and weak with his right, although nowadays the majority of left-backs are stronger on the right foot. There is, in all divisions of the Football League, a shortage of natural left-footers for positions on the left flank.

A first-class footballer, of course, cannot afford to be weak with either foot. Especially full-backs. All the great men of the past have been sure-footed with both.

BEST EVER

Eddie Hapgood, captain of Arsenal and England, was a perfect example. I was asked at a youth club meeting the other evening to name the best left-back I had ever played against and my unhesitating choice was Hapgood. The next question was to name the best left-back I had ever seen—and again, my answer was Hapgood.

Eddie was at the height of his powers when I was still trying to make the grade, but I did play against him on three occasions. He was the master of positional play, he kicked a good length with either foot and he quickly sized up your weaknesses and made the most of them.

My first meeting with him was at Wembley in the 1940-41 war-time Cup Final in which Preston and Arsenal made a 2-2 draw of it and went to Blackburn for the replay, Preston winning this time 2-1. His partner then was the great Laurie Scott, until recently manager of Crystal Palace.

I met Eddie again soon after I was called in the Army in 1942. I was picked for the right wing in the FA XI to play the RAF at Stoke. Eddie was

the RAF left-back, with George Hardwick, then of Middlesbrough and now player-manager at Oldham, as his partner. Frank Broome, then with Villa and until recently with Crew, was my partner.

THEN BEATIE

Andy Beattie, once of Preston and Scotland and now manager of the successful Huddersfield club, is No. 2 in my list of left-backs. He was my opponent in my first representative game for the Football League against Northern Command at York in 1942.

Andy was another extremely versatile and intelligent player. He made a great study of the game and anyone who sees Huddersfield play now will realise that he is a fine tactician. George Hardwick, Johnny Aston (Manchester United) and Alf McMichael (Newcastle United), at their best, were also brilliant left-backs against whom I have played many hard games. Aston, I am sorry to say, has had his fine career interrupted by a serious illness.

Sammy Cox (Glasgow Rangers), Alf Sherwood (Cardiff City) and Walley Barnes (Aston) are three others. Among foreigners I put Steffen (Switzerland) and Hannapf (Austria) at the top.

Three of the younger men who are quickly making their mark and may reach the full height of fame are Roger Byrne (Manchester United), Jack Mansell (Preston) and Len Townsend (Charlton). And in Scotland—Arthur Haddock (Clyde).

COACHING HINT

Out of the Cup battle, with no hope of a League Championship—that, at this part of the season, is the position in which not only many big professional teams but many junior and the minor teams find themselves.

A good manager, coach or trainer will be fighting to maintain morale and to beat off mental staleness in his team. More than ever players now need diversions.

For professionals it could be more fun or a break in new surroundings. For amateurs, a weekly get-together to work out new ideas or a visit to a mid-week Cup or Football League match are ways to keep the interest alive. Mental staleness is as big an enemy as physical staleness.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Div. II—RAF v DDB at Kai Tak.
Squash
Colony Championships at Victoria Barracks 8.30 p.m.
Men's C Division: Nav Bharat v HKU.
Football
Inter-School League: King's Park Club 6 p.m.

TOMORROW
Boxing
Fleet Club 8 p.m.
Rugby
Combined Malaya-Singapore at 6 p.m.
Squash
Colony Championships at Victoria Barracks 8.30 p.m.
Badminton
Senior Mixed: Hocke v OOC: YMCA v HKU.

FRIDAY
Badminton
Colony Exhibition. St. Theresa's 8 p.m.
Junior: St. John's v HKU: YMCA v YMCA: Hocke v OOC.
Rugby
Combined Malaya-Singapore, at Club 8 p.m.
Squash
Colony Championships at Victoria Barracks 8.30 p.m.

Entries For The 7th Race Meeting

Entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturdays, February 12 and 19, closed yesterday.

There will be nine races each day and there are likely—with the possible exception of the events for 1955 Subbs on the Second Day's card and the Humpy Park Handicap, Race 6—to be more than satisfactory. The feature events will be the two races for Class 2 ponies on the First Day—Races 4 and 7—and a glance at the entries reveals that both these should provide good racing.

Novice Races will open the programme on both days and both these see a big field entered.

New Ponies—1955 Subbs—will be seen on the track in three events on the Second Day. Of these, The Wetherby Stakes sees a field comprising many which placed during the Annual Meeting, concluded last month and it is here that one may expect to find the interest centred.

FIRST DAY
February 12
1. — Customs Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
2. — North Park Handicap Class 2. 1 Mile—Ateneo, Breeze, Crag, Corner, Dreadnought, Empress Delight, Fel Chi, Flying Dutchman, Goshawk, Hawk, Honey, Honey Dew, How Do I Know, Hurry On, Mainland II, New Love, Orange Beauty, Peachtree, Pegasus, Precious Mine, Rebel II, Silver Dahlia, Valbridge.
3. — Shatin Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
4. — Ascot Handicap Class 2. 5 Furlongs—Ambition, Beautiful Lie, Crackerjack, Emerald, Home Builder, Jip On, Knocknagilly, Larc, Lorraine, Marietta, Mustang, Norman, Ping On, Star-gio.
5. — Shatin Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
6. — Shatin Park Handicap (3rd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
7. — Shatin Park Handicap (4th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
8. — Shatin Park Handicap (5th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
9. — Shatin Park Handicap (6th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
10. — Shatin Park Handicap (7th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
11. — Shatin Park Handicap (8th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
12. — Shatin Park Handicap (9th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
13. — Shatin Park Handicap (10th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
14. — Shatin Park Handicap (11th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
15. — Shatin Park Handicap (12th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
16. — Shatin Park Handicap (13th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
17. — Shatin Park Handicap (14th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
18. — Shatin Park Handicap (15th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
19. — Shatin Park Handicap (16th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
20. — Shatin Park Handicap (17th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
21. — Shatin Park Handicap (18th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
22. — Shatin Park Handicap (19th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
23. — Shatin Park Handicap (20th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
24. — Shatin Park Handicap (21st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
25. — Shatin Park Handicap (22nd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
26. — Shatin Park Handicap (23rd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
27. — Shatin Park Handicap (24th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
28. — Shatin Park Handicap (25th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
29. — Shatin Park Handicap (26th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
30. — Shatin Park Handicap (27th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
31. — Shatin Park Handicap (28th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
32. — Shatin Park Handicap (29th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
33. — Shatin Park Handicap (30th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
34. — Shatin Park Handicap (31st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
35. — Shatin Park Handicap (32nd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
36. — Shatin Park Handicap (33rd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
37. — Shatin Park Handicap (34th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
38. — Shatin Park Handicap (35th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
39. — Shatin Park Handicap (36th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
40. — Shatin Park Handicap (37th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
41. — Shatin Park Handicap (38th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
42. — Shatin Park Handicap (39th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
43. — Shatin Park Handicap (40th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
44. — Shatin Park Handicap (41st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
45. — Shatin Park Handicap (42nd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
46. — Shatin Park Handicap (43rd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
47. — Shatin Park Handicap (44th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
48. — Shatin Park Handicap (45th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
49. — Shatin Park Handicap (46th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
50. — Shatin Park Handicap (47th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
51. — Shatin Park Handicap (48th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
52. — Shatin Park Handicap (49th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
53. — Shatin Park Handicap (50th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
54. — Shatin Park Handicap (51st Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
55. — Shatin Park Handicap (52nd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
56. — Shatin Park Handicap (53rd Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
57. — Shatin Park Handicap (54th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
58. — Shatin Park Handicap (55th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
59. — Shatin Park Handicap (56th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
60. — Shatin Park Handicap (57th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
61. — Shatin Park Handicap (58th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky, Wild Honey, Yat Kwong.
62. — Shatin Park Handicap (59th Sec.) Class 2. 1 Mile—Allied Victory, Anniversary 10, Attractive Power, Avoca, Fighting Spirit, Fox Hunter, Hawker Moon, Kerrera, Monetary Fund, Queensferry, Red Feather, South Coast, Suedy, Thunder Sky,

Soviet Trade Boss Goes



Anastas Ivanovich Mikoyan, the 59-year-old Deputy Chairman of Russia's Council of Ministers, who has given up his post as Minister of Trade. According to Soviet statements—he asked to be released from his post. His successor is Dmitry Vasilevich Pavlov, head of the State Committee of Supply of Food and Industrial Goods. It is thought that the change may have something to do with the recent Pravda editorial urging Russia to concentrate on heavy industry instead of consumer goods—for Mikoyan has been leader of the consumer goods drive. It is also thought that it may mean a switch in Russia's arms plan.—Express Photo.

WORLD'S BLIND AMBASSADOR COMING TO H.K.

New York, Feb. 1.

Helen Keller, blind and deaf since infancy, received the tributes of five foreign Ambassadors and of Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt tonight without missing a word of what was said.

Miss Keller, guest of honour at a formal farewell banquet before leaving on a final trip around the world, "heard" the speeches through a code tapped out on the palm of her hand by her constant companion, Polly Thomson.

In reply to the praises heaped upon her, Miss Keller spoke briefly in a voice she has never heard and learned to use only through years of hard work.

LAST TRIP

Miss Keller is scheduled to leave on Friday on a 40,000-mile goodwill tour of India, Pakistan and the Far East, including Hongkong. It will be her last trip as America's "Ambassador" to the world blind.

Her 75th birthday comes on June 27, two days after her return, and she plans to confine her activities to trips around the United States and catching upon her writing after that.

The Ambassadors of India, Pakistan, Burma, the Philippines and Japan all paid tribute to Miss Keller for her years of work on behalf of the world's deaf and blind.

Mr G. L. Mehta of India described her as a "messenger of hope and goodwill to men and women everywhere."

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru sent a message welcoming her plan to visit his country for the first time and expressing the hope that he would be able to meet her.

The Philippines Ambassador to the United States, Mr Feliberto Serrano, said: "In visiting the East today, Miss Keller will come upon a section of the world in particular need of the healing balm which is the example of her life efforts."

AN EXAMPLE

"Miss Keller will thus find in that region a reflection, to some extent, of her own years of painful difficulties and the example of her life will be a message of hope to its teeming millions."

President Eisenhower extended his congratulations on Miss Keller's undertaking one

last trip abroad to help persons even less handicapped than she.

Miss Keller was hailed as a "beacon in the dark" to the world's handicapped millions by the Pakistani Ambassador, Syed Amjad Ali. Sudo Iguchi of Japan said that by the example of her life "she has caused countless miracles."

Mrs Roosevelt also paid tribute to Miss Keller as a symbol of hope for millions.

TO SEE CHURCHILL

En route to Asia, where she will lecture, and visit hospitals, Miss Keller will stop in London, where she hopes to talk to the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

Then she will go to India, Pakistan, Burma, Hongkong, the Philippines and Japan.—United Press.

Knitting Prize For British Clergyman

London, Feb. 1.

The Reverend R. Reginald Parry, of the Huddersfield (Yorkshire) Congregationalist Church, will be going to Paris sometime in March to collect his knitting prize.

The pastor's knitted sports coat, submitted to the judges of an international knitting contest sponsored by the International Wool Secretariat, has already survived the preliminaries and is assured of a prize.

Everett Parry has been knitting since childhood, and during the last war, won quite a reputation for being able to knit while riding horseback.—France-Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WEAKENING OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Opposition To Eisenhower's Trade Plans

Washington, Feb. 1.

Monsanto Chemical Co charged today President Eisenhower's trade programme would weaken national security by making the United States dependent on chemicals "produced on the Rhine, within range of Russian guns."

Mr Edgar M. Queney, board chairman, appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee. It is considering an administration request for a three-year renewal of the reciprocal trade programme with new tariff-cutting powers.

Opposition to the programme also was voiced by spokesmen for other chemical firms, including Dow Chemical Co., by glassworkers and by Westinghouse Electrical Corp., Pittsburgh. They opposed enactment unless safeguards were included to protect them against increased competition from imports of cheap foreign goods.

The administration programme would allow tariff cuts of five per cent a year for three years; reduction of tariffs on goods not now imported in appreciable amounts to 50 per cent of the products value; and reduction of any tariff duty to 50 per cent of the Jan. 1, 1954 rates.

NO PROTECTION

The chemical manufacturers and Westinghouse protested that the programme would make no allowance for protecting manufacturers of products vital to national defence to insure domestic production in time of war.

Mr Queney said synthetic organic chemicals comprising more than half of Monsanto's sales are "essential" to national defence. He said foreign producers already can undersell American manufacturers in the American market.

"Without our strong organic chemical industry," Mr Queney said, "Germany would have won World War II."

If the administration programme is adopted and further tariff cuts are made, he said, Monsanto would be within the range of the Russian guns.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 1.

World No 4 sugar futures today closed 1 to 3 points lower with sales of 292 contracts.

Domestic No 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 120 contracts.

Extensive switching operations from nearby March to later deliveries dominated activities in the world contract.

Scattered liquidation and hedge selling lower the domestic contract.

The Foreign Operations Administration has issued an authorization for Pakistan to buy \$4,800,000 of sugar. The contracting period runs from January 28 to May 31 with final delivery to be made on July 31. The sugar can be bought anywhere in the world, the report added.

Future closings: Contract No. 4 (world) March 3.18, April 3.18, May 3.18, June 3.18, July 3.18, August 3.18, September 3.18, October 3.18, November 3.18, December 3.18. Contract No. 6 March 3.18, April 3.18, May 3.18, June 3.18, July 3.18, August 3.18, September 3.18, October 3.18, November 3.18, December 3.18. Spot—cents per lb. of No 4 March 3.18, April 3.18, May 3.18, June 3.18, July 3.18, August 3.18, September 3.18, October 3.18, November 3.18, December 3.18. Spot—cents per lb. of No 6 March 3.18, April 3.18, May 3.18, June 3.18, July 3.18, August 3.18, September 3.18, October 3.18, November 3.18, December 3.18. —United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Feb. 1. The tin market was easier, zinc was irregular while copper and lead were quiet but steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows: Tin spot 14.18, 3-month 14.21, 6-month 14.21, 9-month 14.21, 12-month 14.21. Copper spot 38.75, 3-month 38.75, 6-month 38.75, 9-month 38.75, 12-month 38.75. Lead Feb. 104.5, May 104.5, Sept. 104.5, Dec. 104.5. Zinc Feb. 89.5, May 89.5, Sept. 89.5, Dec. 89.5. —United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Feb. 1.

Cotton futures today softened after a buoyant start with trading turning to the dull side on the reactions.

Dropping back as much as 75 cents a bale from the highs the last closed with net losses of 8 points. Opening prices were unchanged to up 6 points. New Orleans closed off 10 to 16 points.

Liquidation in the nearby March contract, anticipating first selling delivery notice—Feb. 28—accompanied realising and hedge selling in the new crop months while trade buyers backed away.

The outside speculative talent was slow to respond, paying more attention to developments in stocks and other outside commodity markets, and pending further Formosa developments and news from the textile trade and spot cotton markets.

Trading volumes and opening interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	33,700	620,300
May	28,000	1,170,300
July	21,700	680,700
October	20,000	283,000
December	8,000	128,000
March	3,200	74,000
May	2,100	77,000
July	200	700
Total	131,500	2,961,000 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.10
Mar	34.59
May	34.90
July	35.12
Oct	35.13
Dec	35.44
Mar	35.45
May	35.46
July	35.48

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.25
Mar	34.50
May	34.80
July	35.12
Oct	35.14
Dec	35.16
Mar	35.44
May	35.45
July	35.48

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, American middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

March/April	32.42
May/June	32.42
July/August	32.42
October/November	32.42
December/January	32.42
Official values for spot cottons include:	
American middling 15/16 inch	32.95
American S.L. middling 15/16 inch	29.85
Mexican middling 1 1/2 inch	34.55
Others were unchanged.	

SAO PAULO

Cotton futures, in cruzeros per kilo were as follows:

March	26.90
May	26.25
July	26.25
October	30.10
December	30.40

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at the 10 designated spot markets was 34.22 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 20,000 bales.—United Press.

LONDON SILVER PRICES

London, Feb. 1. Prices of silver were quoted today at 73 1/2 pence per fine ounce for spot and 73 1/2 pence for forward (against 74 and 73 1/2 pence previously).—United Press.

Tax Reductions Wanted In U.K.

London, Feb. 2. The powerful Federation of British Industries today called on the Government to reduce substantially all taxation and encourage economic development by trying to manage on less of the national income. This would increase initiative among wage earners at all levels and encourage investment in essential industries especially those competing in world markets. The Federation said in a booklet that it had especially recommended to Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he should in the new budget reduce income tax and increase the investment allowance on industrial buildings to 20 per cent.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$748,308. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank 11 at 2095

INSURANCES Union 945 055 20 at 945

Underwriters 10.10 10 at 947 1/2

DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf 74

Dock Provident (O) 15.20 1915 1000 at 15.20

Wheelock 7.20 7.30 1000 at 15.40

LAND, ETC. HK Hotel 15.30 15.40

HK Land 09 04 1/2 2121 at 60

Ready 2 2.10

UTILITIES Tram 21.10 21.30 500 at 21.20

Star Ferry 180 182 200 at 182

Yanmai Ferry 180 182 200 at 182

C. Light (O) 17.00 17.00 900 at 17.00

C. Light (N) 14.15 14.00 500 at 14.00

Electric 37 1/2 38 1/2 1900 at 37 1/2

Telephone 33 33 1/2 500 at 33 1/2

INDUSTRIALS Cement 41 1/2 4000 at 41 1/2

STORES, ETC. Dairy 23 1/2 23.50 500 at 23.70

Waters 14.70 20 1/2

L. Crawford 20 1/2

NEW YORK METAL MARKET

New York, Feb. 1. Price of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead Feb. 14.18, 3-month 14.21, 6-month 14.21, 9-month 14.21, 12-month 14.21.

Tin Feb. 68.75, 3-month 68.75, 6-month 68.75, 9-month 68.75, 12-month 68.75.

Zinc Feb. 10.90, 3-month 11.00, 6-month 11.00, 9-month 11.00, 12-month 11.00.

Copper Feb. 36.18, 3-month 36.18, 6-month 36.18, 9-month 36.18, 12-month 36.18.

Mar. 36.18, 3-month 36.18, 6-month 36.18, 9-month 36.18, 12-month 36.18.

—United Press.

LONDON METAL

London, Feb. 1. The tin market was easier, zinc was irregular while copper and lead were quiet but steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot 14.18, 3-month 14.21, 6-month 14.21, 9-month 14.21, 12-month 14.21.

Copper spot 38.75, 3-month 38.75, 6-month 38.75, 9-month 38.75, 12-month 38.75.

Lead Feb. 104.5, May 104.5, Sept. 104.5, Dec. 104.5.

Zinc Feb. 89.5, May 89.5, Sept. 89.5, Dec. 89.5.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business done in the spot market today in the following rates:

London (per £1) 100 = 100.00, New York (per \$1) 100 = 100.00, Hong Kong (per HK\$1) 100 = 100.00, Shanghai (per SH\$1) 100 = 100.00, Singapore (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Ceylon (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, India (per IN\$1) 100 = 100.00, Java (per J\$1) 100 = 100.00, Sumatra (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Borneo (per B\$1) 100 = 100.00, Philippines (per P\$1) 100 = 100.00, Thailand (per TH\$1) 100 = 100.00, Siam (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Cambodia (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, Laos (per L\$1) 100 = 100.00, Vietnam (per V\$1) 100 = 100.00, Burma (per B\$1) 100 = 100.00, Malaya (per M\$1) 100 = 100.00, Indonesia (per I\$1) 100 = 100.00, East Africa (per E\$1) 100 = 100.00, West Africa (per W\$1) 100 = 100.00, South Africa (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Australia (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00, New Zealand (per N\$1) 100 = 100.00, Canada (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, Mexico (per M\$1) 100 = 100.00, Central America (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, Caribbean (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, South America (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Europe (per E\$1) 100 = 100.00, Asia (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00, Oceania (per O\$1) 100 = 100.00, Africa (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00, Australia (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00, New Zealand (per N\$1) 100 = 100.00, Canada (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, Mexico (per M\$1) 100 = 100.00, Central America (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, Caribbean (per C\$1) 100 = 100.00, South America (per S\$1) 100 = 100.00, Europe (per E\$1) 100 = 100.00, Asia (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00, Oceania (per O\$1) 100 = 100.00, Africa (per A\$1) 100 = 100.00.

NEW REFINERY OPENING IN LEBANON

New York, Feb. 1.

The Mediterranean Refining Company (MEDECO) announced today it hoped to open its new multi-million dollar oil refinery at Sidon, Lebanon today.

The Company said an accelerated effort has been made to begin operations of the plant well ahead of schedule.

The refinery is owned jointly by California Texas Corporation and Socony Vacuum Overseas Supply Company.

Leading Lebanese Government officials will participate in ceremonies marking the opening of the \$8,000,000 refinery. The new plant is considered one of the most modern and one of the largest enterprises in the country's history.

Initially, the refinery capacity was to be 6,250 barrels per day but expansion plans are now well under way to increase capacity to 9,000 barrels per day by 1956, the Company announced.—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 1.

The rubber market opened nearly two cents over yesterday's close, good acceptance from overseas but sellers met market and there was some selling which caused prices to lose about half the gain.

There was a moderate trade off-take and factory buying.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Feb. 1954-1955	30.45
Mar. 1954-1955	30.45
Apr. 1954-1955	30.45
May 1954-1955	30.45
June 1954-1955	30.45
July 1954-1955	30.45
Aug. 1954-1955	30.45
Sept. 1954-1955	30.45
Oct. 1954-1955	30.45
Nov. 1954-1955	30.45
Dec. 1954-1955	30.45

NEW YORK

Futures today closed 80 to 100 points lower with sales of 189 contracts.

Profit-taking and hedge selling, plus the lower London market, brought pressure on the terminal market, with partial recoveries being made at the close on dealer buying and covering.

Spot No. 1 Rs were quoted at 35 1/2 cents a pound. Future closings:

Mar.	35.45
May	35.45
July	35.45
Sept.	35.45
Nov.	35.45
Dec.	35.45
Mar.	35.45

LONDON

The market was dull. No. 1 Rs spot was quoted at 30 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot Rs	30-30 1/2
Settlement house term	30 1/2-30 1/2
Mar.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Apr.	30 1/2-30 1/2
May	30 1/2-30 1/2
June	30 1/2-30 1/2
July	30 1/2-30 1/2
Aug.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Sept.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Oct.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Nov.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Dec.	30 1/2-30 1/2

General markets, off basis, ports:

Feb.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Mar.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Apr.	30 1/2-30 1/2
May	30 1/2-30 1/2
June	30 1/2-30 1/2
July	30 1/2-30 1/2
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Oct.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Nov.	30 1/2-30 1/2
Dec.	30 1/2-30 1/2

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—United Press.

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, CIF Feb. as follows:

No. 1 rubber 32.2 paid, No. 2 rubber 32.0 buyers, No. 3 rubber 32.0 buyers, No. 1 crepe 32.0 buyers.

—United Press.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1955.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Discovery

HOW do they run, those small notices put into the newspapers by those who have been for a long time married? John This and Mary That, at such and such a church or other, deal or register office, on the distant date? After that, the most important part of the notice: Present address.

Then may old friends, forget ten acquaintances, share the couple's triumph, their pleasure and, perhaps, their surprise at their joint arrival and write congratulations, or call. Margaret may never insert such a notice, but that phrase "Present Address" means in great deal to her in connection with her marriage. Tragedy and triumph meet and merge in it for her.

LAPING
MARGARET was married a long time ago. It is ten years since a court in its sombre, cold and properly reluctant way, made official the separation from her husband. So doing, the court ordered that Margaret's husband should make her a payment of so much a week towards her maintenance.

At first he paid, but after a time he stopped doing so. A warrant was issued for his arrest for non-payment of his wife's maintenance. But Margaret's husband managed to keep out of the way of the police who had the warrant just as he managed to keep out of her way.

Then, the other evening Margaret found where her husband lived.

REUNION
TO give herself courage to confront him, perhaps, she gave herself a drink or two, then she sought him out. They met in the street. It was seven years since the couple who had been man and wife had met.

"George," Margaret cried. He turned at the familiar voice. He was shaken to see Margaret. "Go away," he said, "go away, woman."

Shouting she said some of the things she had been saying up to that time during the seven years past. A policeman appeared from round a corner and arrested Margaret for being drunk and disorderly.

TRIUMPH
NEXT morning she, a neat little woman, 50 years old, but younger looking, faced that charge from the dock at the Clerkenwell court.

"What do you want to say?" Mr. T. F. Davies, the magistrate, asked her, when the policeman had told of her behaviour in the street the night before.

"Well you see, sir," she said, composedly. "I'd found where my husband was, and when I met him, he started to argue. He hasn't paid, sir, you see."

"But you were drunk, the officer says."

"Yes, but I'd found out where he was living," Margaret repeated, to emphasize what a triumph that was. "The police didn't know where he was, and I'd found him."

CONTENTMENT
"WELL, the police know where to find him now," said Mr. Davies.

"Yes," Margaret said. There was an overtone of purring contentment in the one syllable. "You oughtn't to have done this when you were drunk."

"I suppose not."

"Ten shillings or one day," the magistrate said.

"Thank you, sir," Margaret said, and she went away, self-contained, composed. A woman grown used to looking after herself, for whom a family reunion was bitter-sweet.

FIGHTING AROUND TACHENS

Taipei, Feb. 2. Nationalist Chinese warplanes stepped up their attacks on Communist islands and shipping in the Tachen island area today in the face of steadily mounting Red pressure.

The Nationalist air attacks followed three naval, air and artillery engagements on Tuesday.

An official Nationalist war communiqué said all three branches of Chiang Kai-shek's military forces were battling in increasing Communist military pressure in the Tachens.

The Navy said one of its warships fought a one-hour 10-minute running gun duel with a Communist ship.

No details of the high or extent of damage to either side were reported.

AERIAL DOG FIGHTS
Two Nationalist warplanes fought dog fights high over Tachen island with Communist Russian-built MIG-15 jet fighters.

The Nationalist communiqué said that plane, returned to Formosa "safely" despite the superiority of the faster Red jets.

Nationalists previously had shot one MIG out of the sky over Tachen.

It was reported that the Tachen islands were under constant air attack from dawn until dusk. Communist MIG fighters and light bombers crossed the island at will.

The Nationalists did not announce whether bombs were dropped.

CASUALTIES HEAVY
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FLOODS IN COLOGNE



Many of the streets in this old part of Cologne, Germany, near the banks of the river Rhine are flooded, but this enterprising inhabitant solves the transport problem by improvising a boat from a bath.—London Express.

Steward Judo Expert Misses His Ship

Gordon Clifford Fulbrook, a 23-year-old British steward aboard H.M.T. Empire Orwell, who missed the ship when he went ashore for a haircut, was sentenced this morning by Mr. C. C. (Clerk) at the Magistrate's Court to one month's imprisonment.

Fulbrook, a native of Nottingham, was also ordered to be confined in the House of Detention until such a time as arrangements for his repatriation could be made.

Fulbrook pleaded guilty this morning to the charge of having negligently remained in the City after the departure of the Empire Orwell on January 31.

Sub-Inspector K. W. Au, prosecuting officer, said that about 7 p.m. on January 31, defendant reported to the Tinsell police station the Empire Orwell which had left an hour earlier.

The defendant stated that he went ashore at 11.30 a.m. on January 31 for some refreshment. When he returned to the wharf, he found the ship had gone.

Mr. K. Reynolds, representative of the agents for the ship, Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, told the Court the company received a radio message from the commander of the Empire Orwell on the morning of February 1, advising that Fulbrook had missed the ship.

The commander in his message did not state whether the vessel on her next call on February 13.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.55, Lucky Dip—Variety Records presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.58, Weather Report; (London Relay); 7.00, Commentary (London Relay); 7.05, Special Announcement; 7.10, Flanagan's (Studio); 7.15, Test Cricket; 7.20, News; 7.25, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 7.30, News; 7.35, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 7.40, News; 7.45, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 7.50, News; 7.55, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 8.00, News; 8.05, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 8.10, News; 8.15, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 8.20, News; 8.25, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 8.30, News; 8.35, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 8.40, News; 8.45, The 5th Day's Play in the 4th Test Match at Adelaide (London Relay); 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